

## Convictions

An important point has been missing from the "Fix Professor Rousseve" literature of late. After having been associated with Dr. Rousseve for some 20 years, I know him to be a highly principled man of great moral and intellectual integrity. He deeply respects and expects diversity in thought and faith as long as the exchanges are open and reciprocal. He and I disagree in our personal beliefs, but each of us place great value on the opportunity to disagree. There is absolutely no reason to think that he would not accord anyone else the same space. The point that I am trying to make to my fellows in faith is to get off his case semantically and to demonstrate your conviction. You may by so doing not only gain insight toward others, but also strengthen yourself. Trading talk for action would impress my friend, Professor Rousseve, and could startle the hell out of academe as well.

**Henry Dizney**  
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## Terrorism

Kristi Svedson, what's your point?

Are you attempting to justify Bissell's violent acts against "our great nation" (there's that phrase again!)? Because the Weather Underground's mass organization of ruthlessness (the dictionary's simplistic definition of terrorism) issued warnings on an intended annihilation of an ROTC building ("naturally" a target?) everything's okay? Let's just forget it.

Why do you become ill when the FBI captures a fugitive of justice? When they perform the duties we, as taxpayers, expect them to perform? See a doctor.

No, the Green River Killer (a personal friend of mine... I'll call him Joe) has not been captured yet. It just so happens that Joe's a little better at eluding the authorities than Bissell. Besides, it's been a while since his last crime. And he has led such an exemplary life since then (he's a dental hygienist in my home town). Everyone makes mistakes, especially in times of such turmoil like the '80s....

What generation condones terrorist activities? Hopefully not my parents', mine or my children's.

**Gina VanCleave**  
Speech, RHCM

## Reality

Now I understand the resentment from the Politburo and U.S. liberals over the mini-series "Amerika." It depicted an accurate and realistic view of a Soviet takeover in the U.S.

Yes, liberals can no longer laugh and scoff at the anti-communist films of the 1950s like "Dr. Strangelove" and "Red Terror" — "Amerika" hit at the nerve center of realism.

Contrary to liberal/Soviet belief, "Amerika" will not produce a strain between U.S./Soviet relations. Soviet violations of the ABM and SALT I treaties, persecution of

dissidents, invasion into other countries (Czechoslovakia, Poland, Afghanistan, et. al.), the sponsoring of communist/repressive regimes in Latin America and Africa, and the shooting down of civilian airliners are producing a strain between our nations. Do U.S. liberals protest these rubber-stamped Russian realities? No, they protest a fictionalized movie protected by our Constitution under freedom of speech and self-expression.

Did the scientific community stage protests across our country when the mini-series "V" aired? "E.T.," "Star Wars" and "Star Trek" aren't exactly accurate with respect to scientific fact as we know it.

However, just as intergalactic travel is fictional right now, it most likely will not be in the years ahead.

Just as a Soviet takeover is fictional right now, it most likely will not be in the years ahead if the U.S. loses its passion for freedom and the liberals seize the mechanisms of power.

**Dan Goulet**  
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## Respect

I must express my appreciation for the professionalism with which the Incidental Fee Committee handled the funding hearing of the Oregon Commentator.

Last year, two IFC members attempted to block the Commentator's funding simply because they did not approve of the content of the paper. A third expressed concern that the publication causes a stir (heaven forbid!). In the end, last year's committee placed our request on the ballot to determine "usage level," an action the Constitution Court shot down.

This year's committee carried no personal prejudices into the hearing, but instead addressed the matters at hand objectively.

Their responsibility has earned our respect. Hats off.

**Duane Dungannon**  
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Oregon Commentator

## Anti-choice

In response to Mr. Jeff Hoyt (ODE, Feb. 18). Mr. Hoyt, those of us who consider ourselves reasonable detest the description "pro-abortion" because the label is inaccurate and misleading. Generally, "pro-choicers" do not advocate or promote abortion. I like kids. I do, however, recognize abortion as a valid alternative to the subjection of an unwanted child to unprepared, and perhaps resentful, parents, or quite often, parent singular.

If indeed all fetuses are allowed to mature into human beings, regardless of the situation, can you guarantee a safe, healthy life for the child? Are you who insist on intervening in our decision process also willing to assist in the care and feeding of our children? Or, Mr. Hoyt, do you fall in with Reaganist republicans and imposing moralists whose beliefs dictate that all fetuses are human beings and should be given a chance, but whose social responsibility (and social programs) falter once the con-

tractions begin?

Please, Mr. Hoyt, consider that there are more deeply felt and painfully weighed factors in the abortion choice than "I just don't want one." In many instances it is the situation, and not the individual, which dictates the decision to abort. You see, Mr. Hoyt, I consider all three as well: the baby, the woman, and the society. In addition, however, I consider the quality of the life which the infant will enjoy. There is more to life than being alive.

As for labels, Mr. Hoyt, how do you feel about "anti-choice?" I thought so.

**Michael Olfert**  
Rhetoric and Communication

## Stance

At the University Senate meeting on Feb. 11, President Olum accused me of saying that he would be "happy" to have classified Star Wars research in the Park. B.J. Thomsen reported that accusation without reporting my denial of it (ODE, Feb. 12). The statement of mine which I believe to have been misunderstood by the President was the following:

"President Olum intends to allow such faculty-initiated businesses to engage in classified research, be it Star Wars or other secret military research. If he persists in this intention, the Park will not enjoy broad faculty support. In fact, it will suffer from faculty and student opposition, an opposition that could turn to destructive bitterness.

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feel guilty. It might be better than getting drunk and having sex with someone you don't know or will ever remember. Maybe you'll get some satisfaction.

To those that call and scream at me over the phone. Why don't you say what you think to my face. I do and place my name to it. You people don't have the integrity to leave your names.

Thus, a few rules about integrity.

Don't accuse others of what you're guilty of too.

Face the person you're insulting.

Don't shake someone's hand limp wristed.

If you won't follow these few pointers, at least think up your own insult.

Question: Why do you people leave insults on my answering machine?

This is your Advocate playing with a clear conscience.

**Blake Louis Sliter**  
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## Support

It is refreshing to note, that within a large university, support services are also willing to participate in the educational process.

We wish to extend our gratitude to Mr. Richard Tanner and Officer Otis Scarborough for their kind assistance this week in our demonstration on the value of student inquiry.

**Helen Law**  
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